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YEsterday was published His Majesties Proclamation, *For the Apprehending of Robbers or Highway-men, and for a Reward to the Apprehenders.*

And this day That *Against Duels.*

CHARLES R.

WE minding to secure all our Loving Subjects in travelling, and going about their lawful occasions, do hereby Publish and Declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure to be, And We do hereby Command all Our Officers of Justice, and other Our Loving Subjects, that they use their utmost diligence and endeavour for the Apprehending all Robbers or Highway-men, to the end they may be proceeded against according to Law. And for the encouragement of such as shall apprehend any such Offender or Offenders, We are Graciously pleased, and do hereby Declare, That such person or persons who shall at any time before the second day of March next, Apprehend any Robber or Highway-man and cause him to be brought into Custody, shall within Fifteen days after his Conviction, have a Reward of Ten pounds for every such Offender so Apprehended and Convicted: And all and every Sheriffs and Sheriff of the respective Counties and Sheriffwicks where such Conviction shall be had, are, and is hereby Required, upon the Certificate of the Judge, or Two or more Justices of the Peace before whom such person or persons shall be Convicted of such Apprehension and Conviction, to pay unto the person or persons who shall Apprehend such Offender or Offenders, the Reward aforesaid within the time aforesaid, for each and every Offender so Apprehended and Convicted as aforesaid, out of Our Moneys received by such Sheriff or Sheriffs in that County, where such Conviction shall be, which shall be allowed unto him or them upon his or their Accompts in the Exchequer; for the Allowance whereof, this Proclamation shall be a sufficient Warrant. And lastly, We do hereby Charge and Command all Lieutenants, Deputy-Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, and other Officers and Persons whatsoever, to take notice of this Our Royal Proclamation, and give due Obedience thereunto, and also to be Aiding and Assisting in all things tending to the execution thereof, as they tender Our Displeasure, and upon pain of being proceeded against as Contemners of Our Royal Authority.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the Fifth day of *March* 1679. In the Two and thirtieth year of Our Reign.

CHARLES R.

WHereas it is become too frequent, especially with persons of Quality, under a vain pretence of Honor, to take upon them to be the Revengers of their private Quarrels by Duel, and single Combate, which ought not to be, upon any pretence or provocation whatsoever; We considering that the sin of Murther is detestable before God, and this way of prosecuting satisfaction, Scandalous to Christian Religion, and the manifest Violation of our Laws and Authority, out of Our Pious Care to prevent unchristian and rash effusion of Blood, do by this Our Royal Proclamation strictly Charge and Command all our Loving Subjects of what Quality soever, That they do not either by themselves, or by others, by Message, Word, Writing, or other ways or means Challenge, or cause to be Challenged, any person or persons to Fight in Combate, or single Duel, nor carry, accept, or conceal any such Challenge or Appointment, nor actually fight any such Duel with any of Our Subjects or others, or as a Second, or otherwise accompany or become Assistant therein. And We do hereby, to the intent that all persons may take care to prevent the Dangers they may incur by acting or assisting in any such Duel, Declare Our Royal Pleasure, That We will not Grant Our Pardon to any Person or Persons that shall Fight, or be any way aiding or concerned in any such Duel where any person shall be slain, or dye of his Wounds received therein, but will leave all such persons to the utmost rigour and severity of the Laws: And further, That we will not suffer or endure any person or persons to be or remain in Our Court, who shall presume to intercede in the behalf of any person or persons that shall Offend contrary to this Our Proclamation. And for the better avoiding all such Duels, We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all person and persons whatsoever who shall receive or know of any Challenge sent or delivered as aforesaid, That they do forthwith give notice thereof to some of Our Privy Council, or otherwise to some Justice of Peace near the place where such Offence shall be committed, upon pain of Our highest Displeasure, and being left to be proceeded against according to the strictest rigour and severity of the Laws.

Given at our Court at *Whitehal*, the Ninth day of *March* 1679. In the Two and thirtieth year of our Reign.

Copenhagen, Feb. 27. The Sieur *Guldenstern*, Ambassador of *Sueden*, is arrived here, and has had a private Audience of the King. It is said he will make no publick Entry, nor have any publick Audience, to avoid disputes about points of Ceremony. The Marriage will be Consummated about the latter end of *May*, at *Helmstadt*, after which the King of *Sueden* will convoke the States of that Kingdom.

Brussels, March 7. The French Troops that were drawn together in the Neighbourhood of *Tournay* are dispersed again, and gone back to their several Garisons, but when the most Christian King comes into these parts, they will it is said, be drawn into the field again.

Hague, March 12. In the absence of the States and the Prince of *Orange*, who is gone to visit the places belonging to this State in *Flanders*, very little passes here. The States General have not as yet returned an Answer to the French Ambassador in the matter of the Alliance, but it is still said they will in few days. From *Brussels* they write, That the French